

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LATE CONGRESSMAN JOHN H.  
ADLER

## HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the late Cherry Hill, New Jersey resident, Congressman John H. Adler at the John H. Adler Memorial Park Dedication.

The late Congressman John Adler grew up in Haddonfield, New Jersey where his father owned a small dry-cleaning store, attended Haddonfield public schools and graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School. He went on to attend Harvard University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. John met his wife Shelley in law school and after they graduated, they returned to South Jersey and settled down in Cherry Hill.

In 1988 Adler began serving on the Cherry Hill Township Council where he passed the Township's ethics ordinance, was committed to strengthening Cherry Hill schools and improving health care. In 1991, Adler ran for a seat in the New Jersey Senate, representing New Jersey's Sixth Legislative District and won the election. He served as a New Jersey State Senator from 1992 to 2009. During his time in the New Jersey Senate, Adler served on the Judiciary Committee as Chair, the Environment Committee, and sponsored vital legislation designed to address key environmental and health related issues, including the Smoke-Free Air Act that banned smoking in most public places. He also championed major ethics reforms, support for children and adults with disabilities and laws that made our state and communities safer.

In 2008, Adler ran for the State of New Jersey's Third Congressional District seat and won the election. This was the first time a Democrat held that seat in over one hundred years. He was sworn into office in January 2009 and served on the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Veteran's Affairs. During his tenure he spearheaded legislation to support our veterans and seniors, protect women's healthcare, help working families, protect consumers, and end the Great Recession.

In 2011 Adler suddenly passed away. He is survived by his wife Shelley, and their four sons, Jeffrey, Alex, Andrew, and Oliver. In 2011, Shelley Adler started the John H. Adler Memorial Fund for Veterans' Affairs at Harvard University, which supports interdisciplinary research and programs intended to promote effective governmental policy as it relates to veterans.

On November 2, 2019 the Camden County Board of Freeholders will dedicate the John H. Adler Memorial Park at Challenge Grove to commemorate Adler's life and dedication to public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Congressman John Adler, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a dedicated public servant who fought tirelessly for the people of New Jersey for more than two decades.

## HONORING GLEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

## HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glen Oaks Elementary School in Hickory Hills, Illinois, for being honored with the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. The award was conferred under the Exemplary High Performing Schools category.

In 1982, the U.S. Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools boasting high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Glen Oaks Elementary School of Hickory Hills, Illinois, has been honored as one of those exceptional schools.

This is not the first time Glen Oaks Elementary School has been honored for excellence in education. In 2012, Glen Oaks was designated for the first time as a National Blue Ribbon School. This year, Glen Oaks Elementary School has been recognized for performance in the top ten percent of all Illinois schools, and has also received a designation of exemplary from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Under the direction of District Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Stachowiak, School Principal Kristin Reingruber, and Assistant Principal Carla Braun, teachers implement a collaborative approach to classroom learning that facilitates individual growth. The teachers are committed to Glen Oak Elementary School's mission for every student to realize their full potential as a socially responsible life-long learner. The Glen Oaks Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program and the Academic Student Success Enrichment Teams (ASSETS) developed by teachers and administrators have also had a positive impact on student achievement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Glen Oaks Elementary School for this remarkable achievement and recognizing the teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community for the hard work that they have put in to earn this award.

## HONORING RIVER ROUGE POLICE LIEUTENANT RON GUFFEY

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Lieutenant Ron Guffey who served on the City of River Rouge's Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

During his twenty-three years with the police force, Lieutenant Guffey has served with dedication and bravery. He first joined the City of River Rouge's Police Department as a patrol officer in 1996. Lieutenant Guffey served the force in several capacities and rose through the ranks, serving as Corporal, Detective, and Sergeant before ultimately retiring as Lieutenant. Lieutenant Guffey's presence will be missed and is a loss for the community and the City of River Rouge.

In short, Lieutenant Guffey has served bravely and nobly. Please join me in saluting him for his twenty-three years of public service as we wish him well on his retirement.

## 550TH BIRTHDAY OF SIKH GURU NANAK

## HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special day for the Hoosier Sikh Community: the 550th birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. This occasion will be celebrated by more than 25,000,000 Sikhs worldwide on November 12, 2019.

Indiana is proud to be home to over 10,000 Sikhs that enrich our communities and embody the meaning of Hoosier values.

Hoosier Sikhs are one of the fastest growing business communities in Indiana, and their contributions to our economy and culture are valued.

On this day I am proud to stand with our friends in the Sikh community by offering legislation to celebrate this momentous occasion and honor their contributions to Indiana and to our great nation.

## IN HONOR OF REVEREND ROOSEVELT CARTER, I

## HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, Jr.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, a devoted spiritual leader, and dear friend of longstanding, Reverend Roosevelt Carter, I, who retired from his role as Senior

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Pastor of First Monumental Faith Ministries in Albany, Georgia after over three decades of selfless service and was honored on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

In 1984, Reverend Carter answered the call to preach the word of God and founded First Monumental Faith Ministries alongside his wife, First Lady, and Co-Pastor, LaVerne Shinault Carter. For the past 35 years, Rev. Carter has been the shepherd at First Monumental where he has ministered to the needs of his flock christening babies, baptizing believers, performing marriages, and consoling bereaved families while developing and honing his skills as a church administrator and inspiring spiritual leader. Under The Carters' dynamic and spirit-filled leadership, First Monumental Faith Ministries has experienced tremendous growth. But most importantly, under their leadership, First Monumental has been a beacon of hope and salvation for the congregation through its many ministries that share the good news of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Outside of the church, Reverend Carter has also proved himself a true servant of the community in which he lives. His drive led him to organize First Monumental Community Outreach, Inc. (FMCO) to help provide services to those in need. By utilizing its access to government grants, FMCO opened "Job's Place", the first assistance program for persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the Dougherty County area. Reverend Carter and FMCO also joined forces with the City of Albany & the Dougherty County Coalition to help end homelessness by leading the charge to acquire government funding from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to support and transition over 15 families to self-sustainable living. Furthermore, Reverend Carter also extended the reach of First Monumental Faith Ministries through the Monumental Development Center and the Fluff-n-Fold Laundromat to aid in job creation for residents in the community.

Reverend Carter has achieved much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and the support of his loving wife, LaVerne, and his children, Roosevelt, Jr., Roderald, Lorenzo, and Renorta.

On a personal note, I have been blessed by Reverend Carter's sage counsel and enduring friendship over the time that I have known him. He has always encouraged and supported me during my career in Congress and, I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Roosevelt Carter, I on the occasion of his retirement and in congratulating him for 35 outstanding years of leadership at First Monumental Faith Ministries, and for a lifetime of selfless service to God, the church, and to humankind.

HONORING MARINE RETIRED CWO-3 WARRANT OFFICER DANIEL PAYNE

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Mr. Daniel "Dan" Payne as he is honored as the 2019 Grand Marshal for the 100th Anniversary of the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade (CVVDP). Dan has dedicated his life to his country and the people of the Central Valley.

Dan was born in San Jose, California to Frank and Ubelia Payne on August 16, 1954. He attended local schools while working in the fields picking apricots and other fruits. He attended college but soon changed course. He enlisted into the Marine Corps in 1973, inspired by a television commercial about the branch. Dan told his then-girlfriend and now wife of 43 years Mary, that he was going to enlist the next day. He served as an enlisted member for 12 years, achieving the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In 1986, he applied for Officers Candidates School and was accepted in February 1987. Despite severely injuring his knee, Dan continued his training to become an officer, graduating that same year.

Dan attended Electronics Radar Pulse Acquisitions Control HAWK Guided Missile, Command and Control Electronics Tech HAWK Guided Missile, HAWK Guided Missile Systems Tech, and Tactical Basics School TBS Quantico, Virginia. He has an associate degree in Law Enforcement, Missiles and Munitions, and an Electrical Engineering degree from Trinity University. A Decorated Desert Storm Veteran, Dan was the first Hispanic Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) in the HAWK Guided Missile field in the Marine Corps.

During his time in the Marines, Dan was a boxer and played multiple sports. He trained in Shotokan while he was in Japan and earned 4 black belts. He was named in Who's Who of Martial Arts and fought many different fighters, including Chuck Norris.

After being deployed and stationed around the world, Dan's last stop was in Fresno, California where he and his wife Mary, and two daughters Rebecca and Rachel, settled. In 1996, Dan retired as CWO-3 and began teaching at Fresno City College Training Institute. He was awarded the Center for Applied Competitive Technology (CACT) Teacher's Award in 1998. Dan was an ordained pastor while he was in the Marines and decided to continue this path after retirement.

Dan is also the founder and CEO of Cable Links Construction. The construction firm provides training for Lucent, Siecor, 3-M Amp, and other telecommunication companies. Their specialties are in fiber optics and high-speed copper cable. Over the years, Cable Links has also expanded into construction. Since its founding 20 years ago, Cable Links has grown into a successful small-business in the Central Valley. It has been featured in the Fresno Bee as one of the fastest-growing companies in the Central Valley, and twice was mentioned in Inc Magazine as one of the fastest-growing companies in the United States.

Following his retirement from the Marine Corps, Dan has served his community. Some of his many contributions include leading mis-

sion trips to Mexico for New Covenant Community Church for 15 years, and as music leader for Celebrate Recovery 12-Step Program. He was Co-Chair for Toys-for-Tots in 2011, Chairman of Central Valley Veterans K-9 fundraising for 11 years, Post Commander for American Legion Post 4, Executive Director of the California Veterans Action Alliance, Board Member of the Central Valley Veterans Retirement Home, and CEO since 2010 and announcer of the CVVDP since 2003.

Throughout his career Dan has received recognition, including as local television affiliate KSEE24's Hispanic Portrait of Success recipient in 1999; 2002 Business Man of the Year; honored with his 3 brothers and 2 sisters as the La Familia Silicon Valley Hispanic Veteran and Community Family of the Year in 2010; Guest of Honor for the Marine Corps Ball; the Gold Medal for volunteer work by President Bush in 2002; appointed to President George W. Bush's tax Sub-Committee.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to congratulate CWO-3 Warrant Officer Dan Payne as he celebrates his last year as CEO of the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade and is honored as their Grand Marshal. I have had the honor to work with Dan for over 20 years and he is more than well-deserved of this recognition. I ask that you join me in wishing Dan and his family continued success, health and happiness.

### RECOGNIZING JANE LOIS WELLER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Lois Weller of Huntington Beach for her service to our country during World War II and to honor her recent 100th birthday. Born in Chicago just after World War I and raised during the Great Depression, Ms. Weller bore witness to some of the most tumultuous times in our nation's history. By virtue of this upbringing, and because of what many would call an ambitious spirit, Ms. Weller went on to lead a life dedicated to service, both to her country and to her family.

Just one year after graduating from Nursing School at the Evangelical Hospital in Chicago, Ms. Weller enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in December 1942. After completing flight school at Bowman Field in Kentucky, she was stationed at Hickam Field on Oahu, Hawaii.

From Hawaii to the Mariana Islands to the Solomon Islands to the Philippines, Ms. Weller bravely risked her life to tend to many soldiers wounded on the frontlines. For her valiant service in active combat zones throughout the Pacific Theater, Ms. Weller was awarded two Bronze Stars.

After the war, Ms. Weller graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, continued to serve as nurse in the public sector, and raised her three children. She has always kept an active mind, enjoying hobbies including astronomy, biblical and classical studies, knitting, jazz piano, singing, and more. I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the remarkable life and service of Jane Lois Weller on the occasion of her recent 100th birthday.